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For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF (POLY)PEPTIDES BY USING
TRUNCATED VARIANTS OF THE SV40 LARGE T ANTIGEN WITH AN
INTACT N TERMINUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-37 without prejudice or disclaimer and insert the following new
claims:

38. (New) A polynucleotide encoding a fusion protein which is stable in a cell, said fusion protein comprising:
- (a) a first (poly)peptide which is unstable in a cell; and
 - (b) a second (poly)peptide, which is a viral T antigen carrying at least one of an internal deletion or a C-terminal deletion and which co-precipitates a chaperone, wherein said chaperone is hsp73.
39. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 38, wherein said first (poly)peptide comprises at least one of an epitope, a functional domain of a protein, a structural domain of a protein, a mutated variant of a protein or a truncated variant of a protein.
40. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 38, wherein at least one of the function or the structure of the N-terminal J domain of said viral T antigen is maintained.